

**REMARKS**

By the present response, the subject matter of **Group (I), Claims 1-6** has been elected **without traverse** for prosecution in this application. This election is made **without traverse**, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

Accordingly, by the present amendment, claim 7 has been canceled. Claims 8 and 10 have also been canceled, and claims 9 and 11 have been amended to depend on claim 6.

If there is, in the Examiner's opinion, any outstanding issue and such issue may be resolved by means of a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

If this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of the response period. Please charge the fee for such extension and any other fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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